

In the Claims.

Claims 53 through 103, directed to non-elected inventions, are canceled.

Claims 1, 26, and 37 are amended as follows.

Sub C1  
B1  
1. (twice amended) An oleaginous pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier, comprising, by weight, 1-25 percent of a solidifying agent and 75-99 percent of a hydrophobic solvent, wherein said solidifying agent is selected from the group consisting of at least one long chain fatty alcohol having at least 15 carbon atoms in its carbon backbone and at least one fatty acid, having at least 18 carbon atoms in its carbon backbone and further wherein said solidifying agent includes a substance selected such that under ambient conditions, the carrier is semi-solid at rest and liquefies upon its application of shear forces thereto.

Sub C2  
B2  
26. (twice amended) An oleaginous pharmaceutical or cosmetic composition comprising, by weight, 1-25 percent of a solidifying agent and 75-99 percent of a hydrophobic solvent, wherein at least one of said solidifying agent and said hydrophobic solvent has a therapeutic or cosmetic beneficial effect, wherein said solidifying agent is selected from the group consisting of at least one long chain fatty acid, having at least 15 carbon atoms in its carbon backbone and at least one fatty acid, having at least 18 carbons in its carbon backbone and further wherein said solidifying agent includes a substance selected such that under ambient conditions, the carrier is semi-solid at rest and liquefies upon application of shear forces thereto.

Sub C3  
B3  
37. (twice amended) A pharmaceutical or cosmetic composition comprising:

(a) an oleaginous pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier containing, by weight, 1-25 percent

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of a solidifying agent and 75-99 percent of a hydrophobic solvent; and

(b) a therapeutically or cosmetically effective amount of a biologically active substance;

wherein said solidifying agent is selected from the group consisting of at least one long chain fatty acid, having at least 15 carbon atoms in its carbon backbone and at least one fatty acid, having at least 18 carbons in its carbon backbone and further wherein said solidifying agent includes a substance selected such that under ambient conditions, the carrier is semi-solid at rest and liquefies upon application of shear forces thereto.